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SUBJECT: SITUATION AT ROC EMBASSY

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1. SITUATION AT ROC EMBASSY HERE REMAINS UNCHANGED. TELEPHONES ARE CUT OFF; POLICE SURROUND PREMISES; ROC PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE AND NO VISITORS PERMITTED TO ENTER. DCM MADE SECOND EFFORT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT MORNING OF AUGUST 21 BUT WAS TURNED BACK AT GATE.

2. IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF POSITION OF AMBASSADOR FENG AND IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO DESIRE OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ROC PERSONNEL IN BANGUI, I SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL MAMADOU ON MORNING OF AUGUST 21. I SAID I WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR FENG ON A PERSONAL BASIS. MAMADOU, WHO IS ONE OF MORE SENSITIVE AND PERCEPTIVE MFS OFFICIALS, STRONGLY ADVISED AGAINST FURTHER EFFORTS "AT THIS TIME" TO CONTACT ROC EMBASSY. HE INDICATED CONTACT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AT A LATER DATE BUT TO PUSH AT THIS TIME WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND, HE IMPLIED, WOULD JEOPARDIZE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. I HAVE ALSO SPOKEN WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR WHO IS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY APPROPRIATE ROLE WHICH HE MIGHT PLAY. HE WAS FRANK ENOUGH TO SAY HE COULD DO NOTHING

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SINCE ANY ACTION ON HIS PART WOULD RISK DAMAGING FRANCE'S

RELATIONS WITH THE CAR. AS FAR AS CAR GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED
AMBASSADOR FENG IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS AND HENCE NOT ENTITLED TO ANY PROTECTION BY THE CORPS.

4. FOR THE TIME BEING THEREFORE THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO
WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO CHINESE EMBASSY. WE HAVE NO REASON
TO SUPPOSE EMBASSY STAFF IS BEING MISTREATED SINCE CAR GUARDS
REMAIN OUTSIDE EMBASSY COMPOUND. STAFF, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR,
APPEARED WELL WHEN DCM SAW THEM FROM DISTANCE THIS MORNING.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH SITUATION AND IF APPROPRIATE
OCCASION DEVELOPS WILL AGAIN TRY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH
AMBASSADOR FENG AND HIS STAFF.
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